

Financial Assistance to Agriculturists.—A sum of Rs. 5,31,471 was granted by way of Land Improvement and Takavi loans to the raiyats during the year to help them in their agricultural operations.

All possible encouragement was given to the raiyats in general in the production of subsidiary food crops—Educative films on Food Production and improved methods of agriculture were screened at important meetings and conferences.

Crop Competitions.—At the instance of the Government of India a competition was held for judging the highest yield of paddy produced by the agriculturists of the State. There were 1,308 participants from seven Districts excluding Bangalore and Kolar. The maximum number of entrants was from Shimoga District, i.e., 987. The highest yield of paddy recorded was nearly 32 pallas per acre in the area coming under the competition scheme.

The additional production derived during the year 1951-52 from all the schemes put together works up to 40,114 tons as against 69,828 tons during the previous year. This additional production is exclusively from the area benefited by the several schemes during the year 1951-52. While the seasonal conditions were fairly normal in 6 Districts of the State, viz., Bangalore, Mandya, Mysore, Hassan, Chikmagalur and Shimoga, they were not quite satisfactory in the remaining three Districts of Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug where practically drought conditions prevailed throughout the year owing to the inadequacy of rainfall. This caused a severe set-back to the progress of campaign. In spite of the above set-back considerable progress has been achieved during the year towards the goal of covering the State's food deficit. The works undertaken in respect of the several schemes are of a permanent nature and have conferred permanent benefits to the lands involved.

General.—The working of the Departments was on the whole satisfactory.

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LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING SECRETARIAT

Departmental Examinations to be passed by officials of Local Bodies.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 2361-440—R. & P.S. 25-48-3, dated 15th June 1951, issuing modifications to certain Rules of Recruitment, governing the subordinate superior services and requesting *inter alia* the prescribing of Departmental Tests for purposes of earning increments, confirmation, promotion, etc.

2. Letter No. L. 12303—M1. 180-50-2, dated 3rd March 1951, to the Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City Municipality, permitting the officials of the Mysore City Municipality to draw increments due to them on 1st January 1950 and 1st January 1951 in the revised grades, pending orders in the matter of prescribing Departmental Examinations for officials working in Local Bodies.

3. Letter No. L. 13280—C.M. 42-51-4, dated 19th February 1952, to the Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Bangalore, conveying approval of Government to the increments accruing to the Corporation officials on 1st January 1952, being sanctioned and directing the Corporation to prescribe the departmental examinations to be passed by them.

4. Letter No. C8. C. 258—48-49, dated 4th August 1952, from the Municipal Commissioner, Mysore City Municipality, requesting early orders of Government prescribing the Departmental Examinations and to permit the officials to draw the increments due to them on 1st January 1952.

ORDER No. L. 19338-55—C.M. 90-52-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 9TH FEBRUARY 1953.

In view of the revised (higher) scales of pay recently sanctioned and the higher general qualifications prescribed for appointment in the Local Bodies, Government consider that it is necessary to prescribe suitable Departmental Examinations for the ministerial officials working in these offices in order to improve efficiency.

2. After considering all the aspects of the question, Government direct that the following Tests will have to be passed by the officials working in the Local Bodies, viz., Corporation of the City of Bangalore, City Municipalities of Mysore and Davangere, all Town Municipalities and the Sanitary Boards of Kolar Gold Fields, Lakshmipura and the Hindustan Air Craft, for purposes of earning increments, confirmation and promotions :—

- (a) Municipal and Local Boards ;
- (b) Revenue (Lower) or (Higher) ;
- (c) Accounts (Lower) or (Higher).

3. In the case of officials drawn from other Departments to the Local Bodies, these Tests will be in addition to the Tests prescribed to be passed in their parent Departments.

4. Increment due till 1st January 1952 to the officials working in the above offices may be allowed to be drawn.

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Planning Departments.*

Constitutes a Committee to examine the question of rate for water supplied to the Corporation of the City of Bangalore from Government Water Supply Department, etc.

READ—

Letter No. A5. P.R. 14—52-53, dated the 1st September 1952, from the Commissioner, Corporation of the City of Bangalore, forwarding the resolution dated 23rd July 1952 of the Corporation recommending—

(i) the immediate taking up of the scheme for the development of Chamarajasagar Pumping Station, and

(ii) the constitution of a Committee to consider the rate to be charged for the supply of filtered water to the Corporation, and requesting orders on the recommendation for the constitution of the Committee.

ORDER No. L. 21667-76—C.M. 91-52-4, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 14TH MARCH 1953.

A Conference of the Minister for Public Works, Chief Engineer, President of the erstwhile Bangalore City Municipality and the Chairman of the Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board was held in the (then) Dewan's Chambers on 5th September 1946 to consider the adequacy of the water supply system for Bangalore City in the light of the possible future expansion of the City and the growth of its population. Following the deliberations of this meeting, a scheme for the development of the Chamarajasagar Station to its full capacity was prepared at an estimated cost of Rs. 39,00,000 which was approved by the Standing Technical Committee for Bangalore Water Supply. Financial considerations proved a bottleneck to put through this expensive scheme so far. The enormous amount spent by the Government for the Chamarajasagar Water Work necessitated an enhancement of the rate for water to be charged to the Corporation to at least ten annas uniformly to justify further investment on such developmental projects. A suggestion was accordingly made to the Corporation.

2. The Corporation which considered the matter at its meeting held on 28th July 1952 has recommended—

(i) to press upon Government the taking up the scheme of developing the installation of the Chamarajasagar Pumping Station reserving the question of the rate of supply for separate consideration, and